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Subject: NMED Info for new spring in WRC CCNS Spring  
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This information is now public and some parts will probably see some press/media action this weekend. -----*We have already reported much of this information in recent months, but this re-hash is provided just so you are clear on what we know about this spring.*

This information (DOE Oversight Bureau and LANL data) was electronically transmitted to DOE/LANL on December 18, 2002 (email w/attachment). I've also included it here again as attachment (EXCEL spreadsheet is LANL data, and PDF file is NMED data for CCNS/2B Spring).

**Up-Date: New Spring named CCNS Spring (or 2-B):**

The new spring (2B or CCNS Spring) was found by NMED staff in October 2002 while accompanying CCNS during part of their river trip down WR Canyon on the Rio Grande---the new spring was found along the west-side river bank below the WR Overlook, south of the Spring 2 series. Observations by NMED during two visits suggest that it discharges very close to normal river flow-level (stage) for autumn. Thus, it was overlooked in previous years. LANL WQH was invited by CCNS & NMED to attend each sampling event but declined participation. By request, we collected one round of water samples for LANL that were run at the EES analytical lab at TA-3. These data are reported in the EXCEL attachmant.

Chemistry runs by NMED show uranium at 17.9 ppb (filtered sample), gross alpha at 14.9 pCi/L (filtered sample), tritium at 10.79 pCi/L (U of Miami), and nitrate at 5.49 mg/L. No parameters currently found to exceed WQCC or EPA standards, but nitrate, uranium and gross alpha come in at more than half current standards, with uranium and gross alpha greater than 90%. See LANL's data for comparison (both data sets compare well). LANL CLO-4 (perchlorate) result is reported as no detect at or below 4 ppb (Method 314, IC). No NMED CLO-4 results are available yet from low-level detection method (LC/MS/MS).

CCNS Spring (2B) chemistry results, specifically nitrate and uranium, appear out of place when compared to other nearby White Rock Canyon springs that discharge from west side of Rio Grande. A search of LANL's ES database (past 30 years) failed to produce any White Rock Canyon springs on the west side of the Rio Grande that historically show similar chemistries with such high uranium and nitrate results. Also, CCNS Spring (2B) chemistry does not appear to match local waste water streams such as those coming from the White Rock sanitary treatment facility.

Offsite  
CCNS Spring (Spring 2B, White Rock Canyon)



**Note:** In 1980, Purtymun reported a single uranium result of 20 ppb for an east-side spring (3B) collected during the early 60s (Spring 3B was verified to be dry in 1996 by Dale & Yanicak). Purtymun's uranium result for Spring 3B is supported by a more recent NMED study (McQuillan et al, 1998) that concludes high uranium in ground water (wells & springs etc.) is much more common in the Pojoaque Valley on the east side of Rio Grande.

NMED is currently working with LANL scientists to figure out CCNS Spring's (2B) potential source because any information of this kind is important for modeling the conceptual water model of the Pajarito Plateau. The team is also looking upstream at chemical trends in ground water from Los Alamos, Mortandad and Pajarito Canyons as likely/possible sources of this spring's discharge to the Rio Grande. At present, NMED cannot discount this finding (as well as other recent reports of perchlorate in west side springs) as very reliable evidence connecting known contaminated ground water under LANL as source waters for these west side springs.

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## Certificate of Analysis

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Report Date: December 16, 2002

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 Project: PO# 211142

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Client Sample ID: SPRING 2B-11-15-02/211142- Project: PINL02802  
 Sample ID: 71046001 Client ID: PINL001  
 Matrix: Water  
 Collect Date: 15-NOV-02 11:30  
 Receive Date: 21-NOV-02  
 Collector: Client

Parameter	Qualifier	Result	DL	RL	Units	DF	Analyst	Date	Time	Batch	Method
<b>Ion Chromatography Federal</b>											
<i>EPA 300.0 Anions Liquid 28 day</i>											
Bromide	U	ND	0.0978	0.200	mg/L	1	MAR1	12/10/02	0724	219005	1
Fluoride		0.352	0.0553	0.100	mg/L	1					
Sulfate		23.7	0.193	0.400	mg/L	1					
Chloride		31.4	0.161	1.00	mg/L	5	MAR1	12/10/02	1759	219005	2
<b>Metals Analysis-ICP Federal</b>											
<i>6010 TAL Metals Liquid Federal</i>											
Aluminum	U	ND	14.7	100	ug/L	1	HSC	12/03/02	1722	218249	3
Antimony	U	ND	5.08	10.0	ug/L	1					
Arsenic	U	ND	2.24	5.00	ug/L	1					
Barium		179	0.222	5.00	ug/L	1					
Beryllium	U	ND	0.158	5.00	ug/L	1					
Cadmium	J	0.634	0.313	5.00	ug/L	1					
Calcium		62100	5.54	100	ug/L	1					
Chromium	J	2.61	0.503	5.00	ug/L	1					
Cobalt	U	ND	0.541	5.00	ug/L	1					
Copper	U	ND	1.39	5.00	ug/L	1					
Iron	U	ND	12.6	100	ug/L	1					
Lead	U	ND	1.72	5.00	ug/L	1					
Magnesium		8140	5.18	100	ug/L	1					
Manganese	J	2.89	0.296	10.0	ug/L	1					
Nickel	J	1.52	0.690	5.00	ug/L	1					
Potassium		4430	16.5	100	ug/L	1					
Selenium	U	ND	2.81	5.00	ug/L	1					
Silver	U	ND	0.835	5.00	ug/L	1					
Sodium		36500	14.4	100	ug/L	1					
Thallium	U	ND	10.0	20.0	ug/L	1					
Vanadium		9.79	0.606	5.00	ug/L	1					
Zinc	U	ND	0.883	5.00	ug/L	1					
<b>Metals Analysis-ICPMS Federal</b>											
<i>3005/6020 Uranium Federal</i>											
Uranium		17.9	0.020	0.200	ug/L	1	BAJ	12/04/02	2052	218064	4
<b>Rad Gas Flow</b>											
<i>GFPC, Sr90, liquid</i>											
Strontium-90	U	ND		1.00	pCi/L		AS1	12/06/02	0628	218906	5
<i>GROSSAB</i>											
Alpha		14.9		5.00	pCi/L		PD	12/04/02	2002	218846	6
Beta		4.80		5.00	pCi/L						

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 Sample ID: 71046001 Client ID: PINL001

Parameter	Qualifier	Result	DL	RL	Units	DF	Analyst	Date	Time	Batch	Method
<b>TRAACS Nutrient Analysis Fed</b>											
<i>EPA 365.4 Phosphorus, Total in Phosphorus, Total as P</i>		0.0808	0.0162	0.050	mg/L	1	THL	12/03/02	1014	218572	7
<i>Nitrogen as Ammonia</i>											
Nitrogen, Ammonia	U	ND	0.024	0.050	mg/L	1	THL	12/03/02	1038	218576	8
<i>Nitrogen, (NO3/NO2)</i>											
Nitrogen, Nitrate/Nitrite		5.49	0.030	0.150	mg/L	3	THL	12/05/02	1453	219256	9
<i>Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl (TKN)</i>											
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		0.210	0.030	0.100	mg/L	1	THL	12/04/02	1126	218567	10
<b>Titration Analysis Federal</b>											
<i>SM 2320B Total Alkalinity Federal</i>											
Alkalinity, Total as CaCO3		166	1.45	2.00	mg/L		BEP2	11/26/02	0709	217976	11
Bicarbonate alkalinity (CaCO3)		165	1.45	2.00	mg/L						
Carbonate alkalinity (CaCO3)	U	ND	1.45	2.00	mg/L						

**The following Prep Methods were performed**

Method	Description	Analyst	Date	Time	Prep Batch
EPA 350.1	EPA 350.1 Ammonia Nitrogen Liquid Federa	THL	12/03/02	1038	218576
EPA 350.2 Prep	EPA 350.1 Ammonia Nitrogen Prep	THL	12/03/02	0744	218574
EPA 351.2	EPA 351.2 Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Federa	THL	12/04/02	1126	218567
EPA 351.2 Prep	EPA 351.2 Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Prep	SDS	12/03/02	1441	218563
EPA 365.4 Prep	EPA 365.4 Phosphorus, Total in liquid-Fe	SDS	12/02/02	1457	218570
SW846 3005A	ICP-MS 3005 PREP	CWS1	11/27/02	1630	218063
SW846 3005A	ICP-TRACE SW846 3005A	CWS1	11/27/02	1630	218248

**The following Analytical Methods were performed**

Method	Description	Analyst Comments
1	EPA 300.0	
2	EPA 300.0	
3	SW846 3005/6010B	
4	SW846 3005/6020	
5	EPA 905.0 Modified	
6	EPA 900.0	
7	EPA 365.4	
8	EPA 350.1	
9	EPA 353.1	

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10	EPA 351.2									
11	SM 2320B									

### Notes:

The Qualifiers in this report are defined as follows :

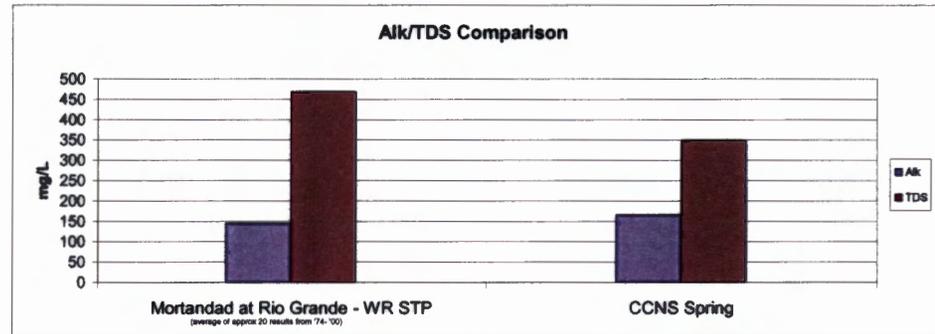
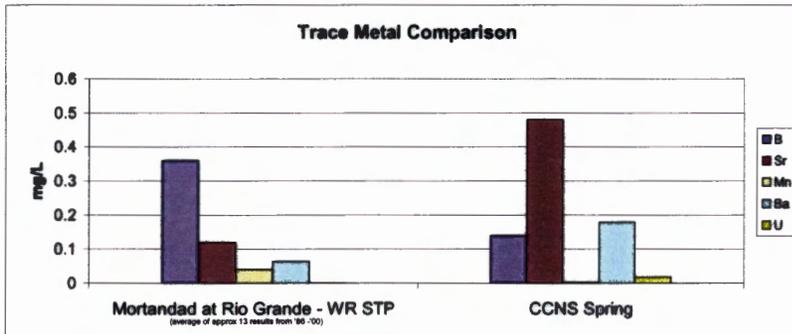
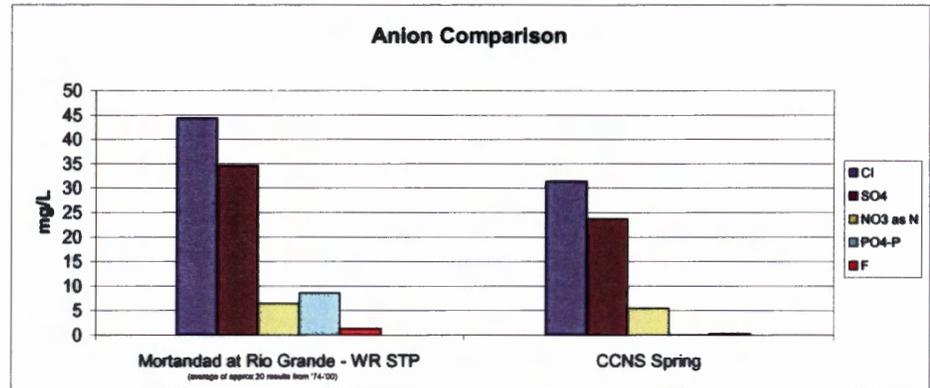
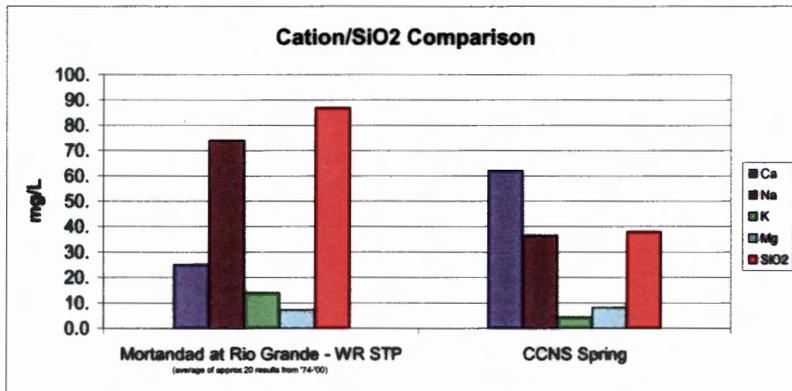
- < Actual result is less than amount reported
- > Actual result is greater than amount reported
- B Analyte found in the sample as well as the associated blank.
- BD Flag for results below the MDC or a flag for low tracer recovery.
- E Concentration exceeds instrument calibration range
- H Holding time exceeded
- J Indicates an estimated value. The result was greater than the detection limit, but less than the reporting limit.
- P The response between the confirmation column and the primary column is >40%D
- U Indicates the compound was analyzed for but not detected above the detection limit
- UI Uncertain identification for gamma spectroscopy.
- X Lab-specific qualifier - must be fully described in case narrative and data summary package
- Y QC Samples were not spiked with this compound.

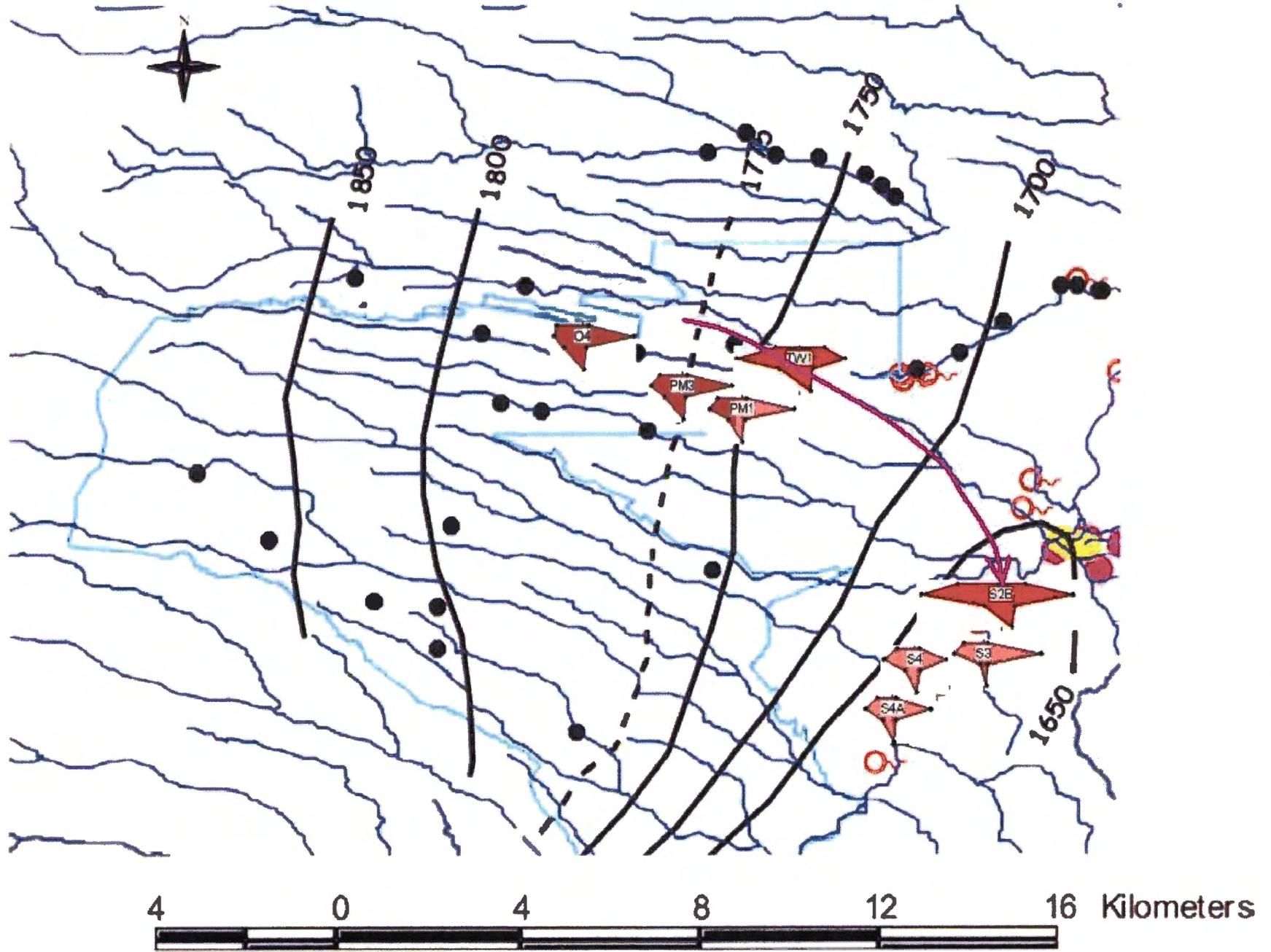
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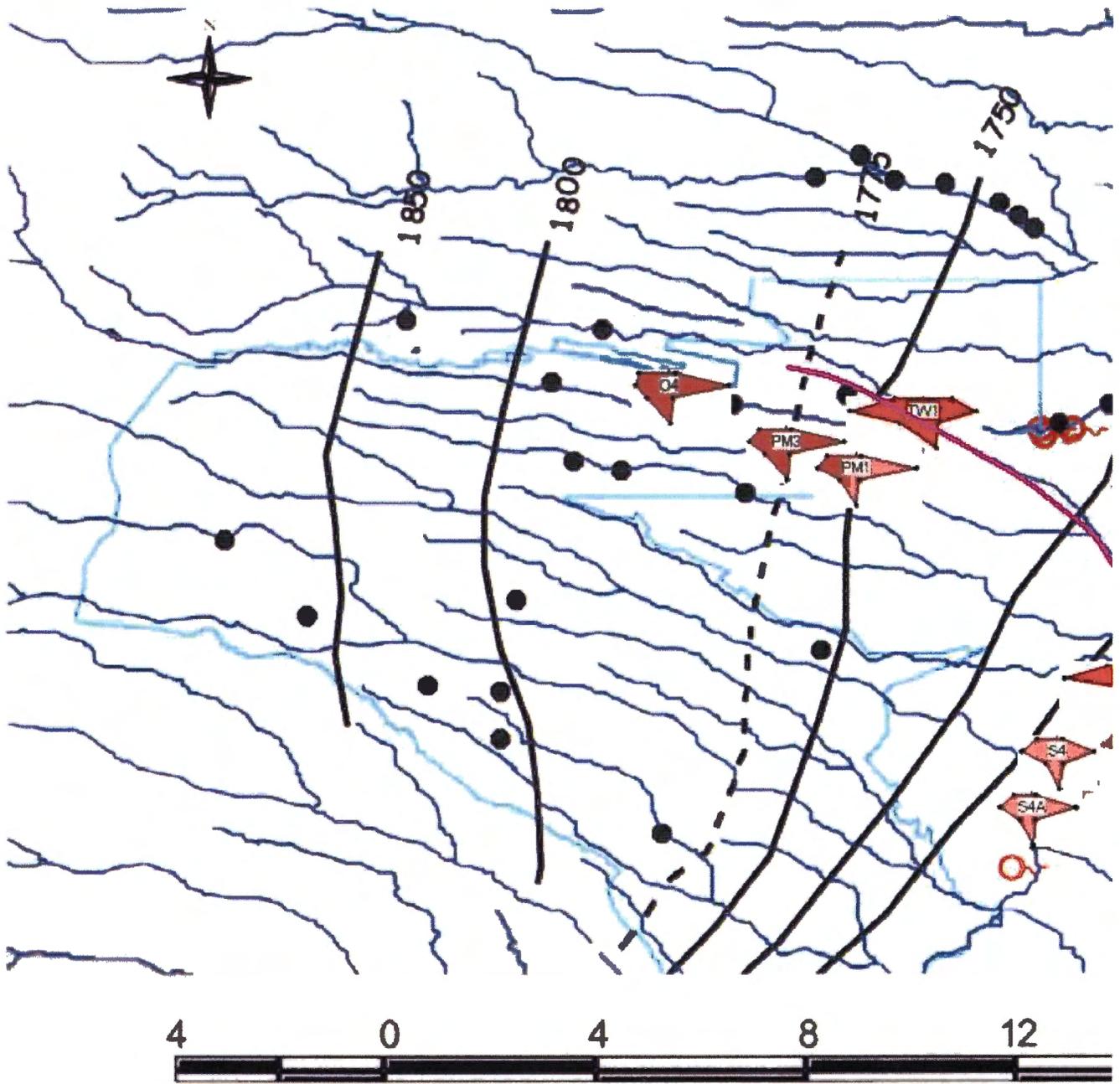
Where the analytical method has been performed under NELAP certification, the analysis has met all of the requirements of the NELAC standard unless qualified on the Certificate of Analysis.

This data report has been prepared and reviewed in accordance with General Engineering Laboratories, Inc. standard operating procedures. Please direct any questions to your Project Manager, Stacy Griffin.

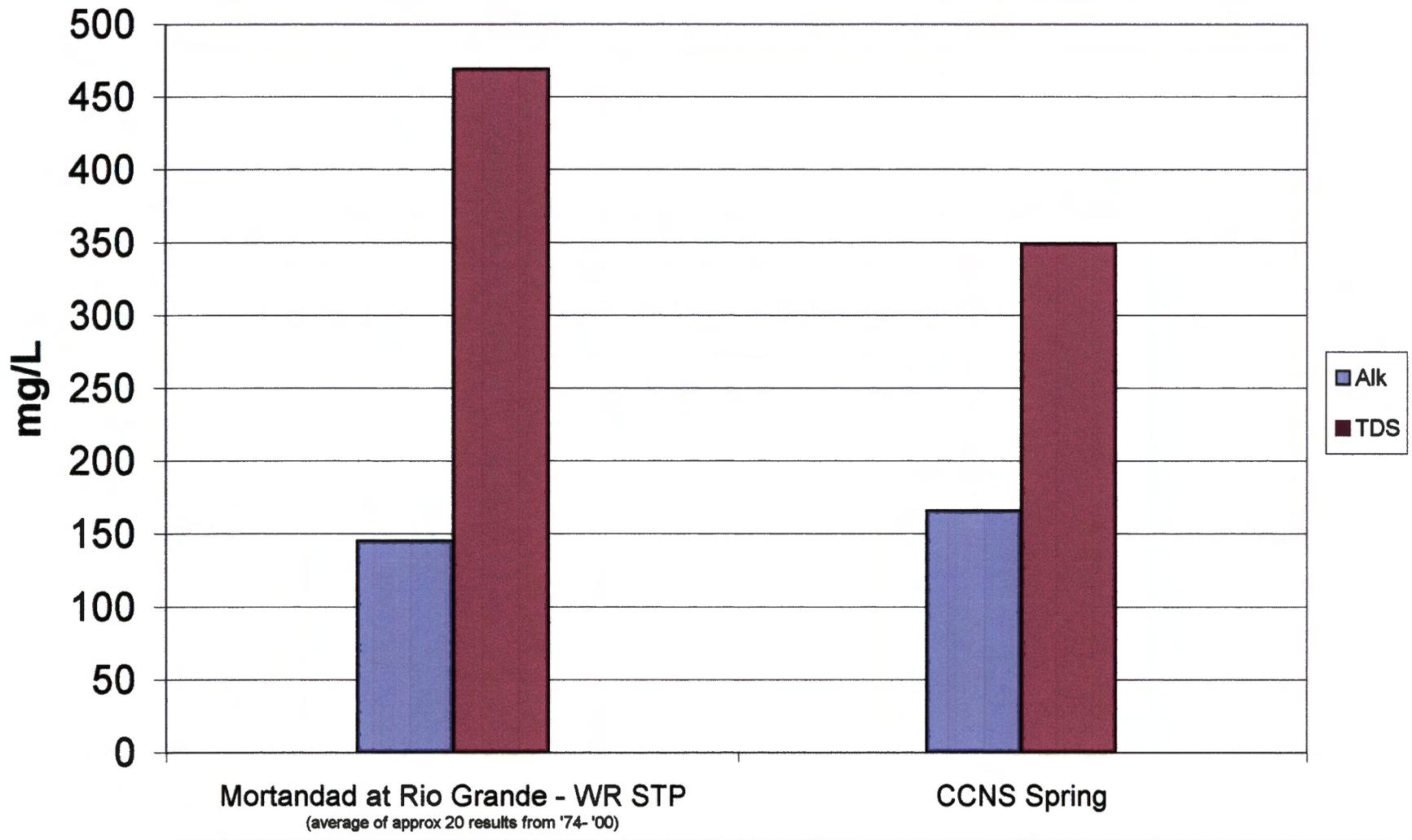
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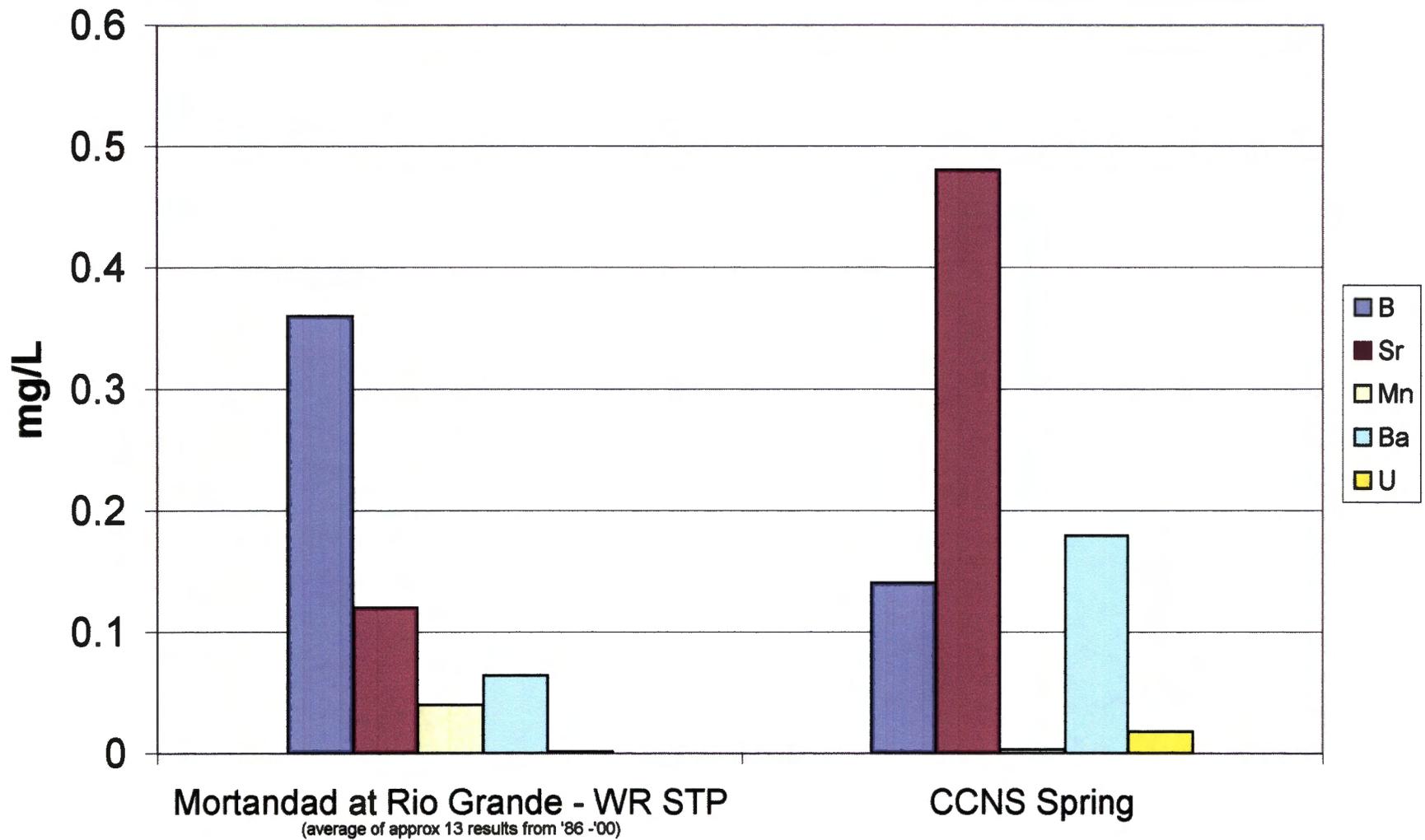




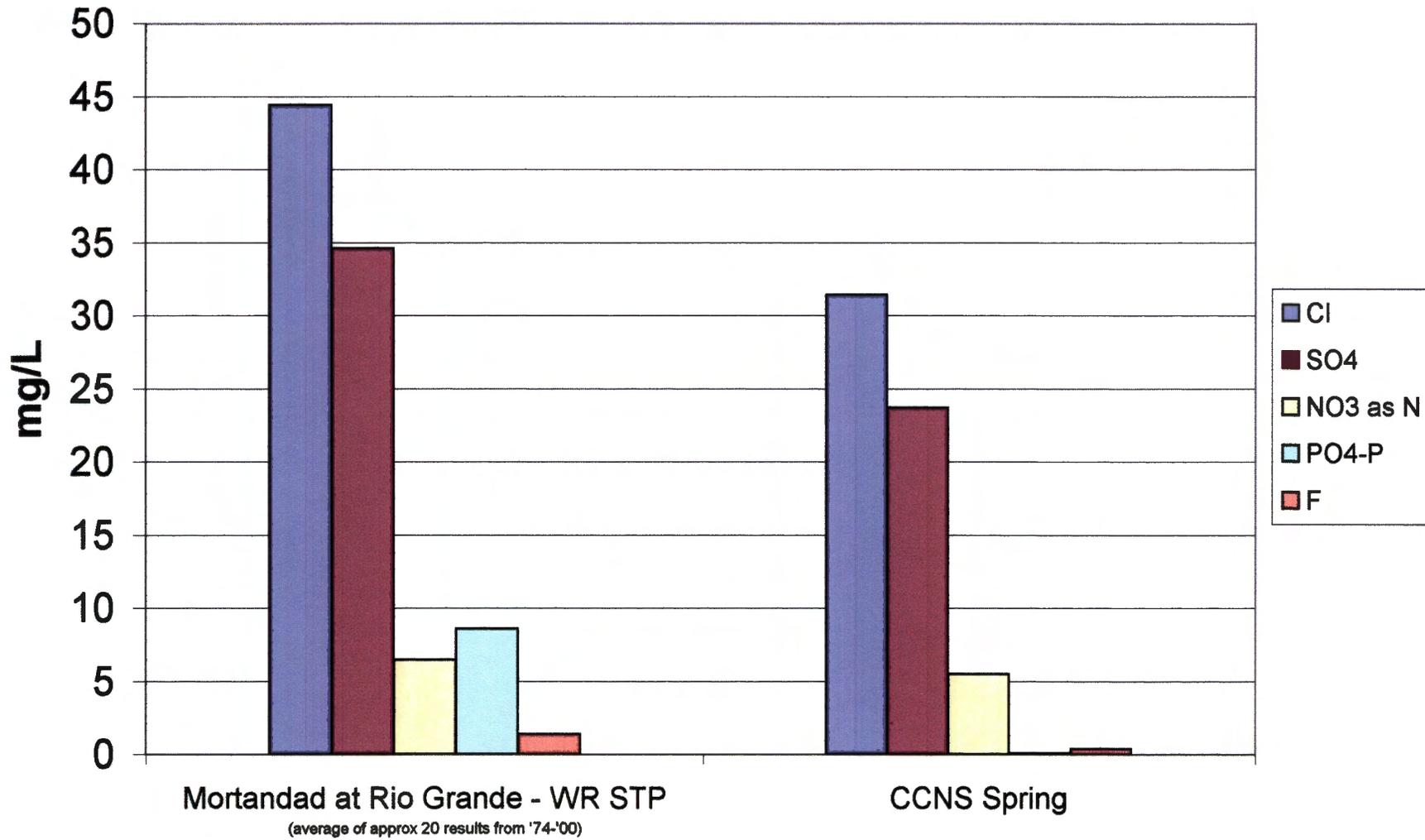
## Alk/TDS Comparison



# Trace Metal Comparison



# Anion Comparison



## Cation/SiO<sub>2</sub> Comparison

